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Council prepared to take leading role in fight for hospital

By Ceilidh McClurg

The town council doesn't plan to back down in the fight to keep the local hospital's programs running at a full and healthy scale.

During an impromptu discussion during their council meeting last week, councillors expressed concern about the future look of the hospital.

Coun. Gord Quantz said, "With the continuing growth of our town, there will be a continuing need for our hospital."

That seemed to be the base statement of the rest of the discussion.

Regional Health Authority Five announced a couple of weeks ago their intention and provincial requirement to do a complete program review at the Didsbury and District Hospital which could eventually endanger the primary health care beds in the facility. The review is to be started by an outside consulting firm in the next couple of months.

Most councillors were searching out what role they wanted the town to take in defending the future of the hospital.

Evan Parliament, town chief administrative officer, said that although there has been comments that the town should not stick their nose in the health region's business, he and the other councillor disagree.

"People may say the town has no business being involved, but of course we do because it is our hospital," said Parliament.

He spent some time explaining how the Didsbury and District Hospital Task Force, inactive but still in existence, had sought out solutions in the past couple of years to the perception

that the local hospital was in danger. Councillors asked what actions had been taken and what possibilities had been explored.

Parliament explained that there had been discussions with Calgary Regional Health Authority regarding their willingness to take Didsbury under their wing. Although Calgary hadn't felt the time was right, they left the door open for future. Doctors had been concerned if the little hospital in Didsbury was married to the larger region the local hospital would be squashed and Calgary would direct all patients to the city hospitals.

Coun. Judy Kaupp asked about moving to the region to the north which includes Olds Hospital. Parliament explained that the Task Force had felt that because the two facilities were so close, the decision would be made to make the local hospital into a solely long-term care facility.

Parliament said, "It is all very complex."

Coun. Don Watt added, "We are really no further ahead than we were two years ago."

Parliament went on to explain that the Task Force has been quite quiet lately because they felt that all was well at the hospital, besides they felt a sense of frustration after more than a year of fighting hard.

The region had requested the province to provide funding for renovations at the existing auxiliary hospital unit. When asking for any capital funding, a complete review must be completed.

The concern has arisen that acute care is in danger during that review.

RHA's chief executive officer,



GETTING READY

Mrs. Claus and one of the elves begin to pack Santa's gifts into his sack for deliveries Christmas Eve. The only problem is that Santa gets himself into a jam and must be rescued to get all the toys to the boys and girls of the world on time. A *Very Sticky Christmas*, written by local Judi Whittaker, was performed at Melvin Hall last weekend, and is due to show again on Saturday and Sunday of this week.

Jim Ramsbottom himself admitted that the acute portion of the hospital is being used at a 49% occupancy rate.

Although, he insists that Didsbury will not lose any beds in numbers, in the end, the configurations of the beds could be rearranged and some of the acute care beds could be moved into other areas.

Acute care is where the primary health care is taken care of including surgery, emergencies and inpatient services.

The doctors in the community have expressed their concern that if any acute care beds are closed, even if they are being moved to other areas of the hospital, it will

be hard to attract any new doctors, let alone keep the existing ones.

They have also disputed the claims that the acute care is being under used saying that although there are days when it is empty, there are days when the acute care is so full they are having to send patients to other regions.

Councillors said that perhaps this time the Task Force had gone beyond where they needed to go considering the daunting task and the responsibility should now be in the political hands of the town.

"Maybe this town should lead the charge," said Parliament.

Kaupp agreed adding, "I think

it's time."

Coun. Cheryl Dahl said that she is encountering people on the street who are asking her what town council intends to do to protect the public's interests in the hospital.

The only problem that council discussed is that they acknowledged the fact that the health region did not have any responsibility or did not have to answer to anyone in town office.

Council decided to take some time to consider the specific role the town council should take, but said that they certainly felt it would be to fight for the protection of the Didsbury and District Hospital in some form.



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Authority will take control of fire

By Ceilidh McClurg

The smoke has almost cleared, once the legalities and bugs are worked out, what will emerge is a unified fire authority which handles all of the area within Didsbury and the surrounding fire district.

The agreement, which is set to launch officially on Jan. 1, 1999, has been back and forth between the county, the town and each of their respective lawyers.

Once the details are worked out, including a recommendation by the lawyers to change the name from a commission to an authority, everything will

be in place for the new year and new relationship.

A relationship which would see three members from each the town and the county, come together to form their own decision making authority, and own entity.

Previously, the town owned the fire department and made all the decisions regarding how budget money was spent. The county, who does not have a department, would pay a certain share of the money they levied from their taxpayers to the Didsbury department to cover the county fire fighting. With this new agreement, one

board or authority would be created and it would be left in their hands, along with a resource member representative of the local fire chief, Rick Mousseau.

However, there is one major question that remains in the minds of the town council and administration of the Town of Didsbury.

They want an answer to what is being done with extra money that is being levied by the county.

Unlike in the Olds and Carstairs district, when the county levies .2 mills earmarked for fire protection based on assess-

ment, there is an overage in the Didsbury fire protection district because of high assessment.

The county will be sharing the costs of the new fire authority at a level of 40%, however Parliament says the county collects far more than their share. The council indicated that they wanted to know what was being done with the over levee.

However, upon further discussion Coun. Gary Dolha said that although it is a question that should be answered, perhaps it is not up the town to be asking the question, but rather up to the county taxpayer.

Parliament agreed, saying that as long as the county is covering its share of the fire authority, the remainder should be left up the politicians.

Ready to retreat ...and more school board notes

Retreat reasoning

In setting a date for a retreat for the new board, some discussion occurred about the actual purpose of a retreat and the costs.

Superintendent, Herb Fader suggested that the board take a two day retreat to spend some time really examining where the trustees would like to go in terms of goals, the three year plan, and the budget for the coming year.

Chair, Roy Brassard said he thought it would be a good opportunity to talk about all sorts of things that the board will encounter over their term.

"There are certainly a number of issues facing us," said Brassard outlining such things as funding and growth of certain areas of the jurisdiction.

However, trustee, Doug

Campbell, said he was concerned about the amount of money spent on such a retreat that would occur somewhere other than the school board office. He volunteered to not charge the board for the time, but not all trustees agreed.

Other trustees made it clear that a retreat, although it sounds like a getaway, is actually a time of intense work, with only little social time.

No date was set for the possible retreat, but board treasurer, Susan Roy asked that it be in time to set a direction for the budget which is set to begin in late January.

Didsbury grade review

The contract to do an overall review of the grade configurations at the Didsbury schools, in response to the proposed move-

ment of the Grade 8s out of Westglen and into Didsbury High School, has been established. The board has decided to hire an outside consultant to review other possibilities to address the issue of overcrowding at Westglen and under use of DHS.

Friends of the Games

Chair, Roy Brassard, addressed the board on behalf of the Olds/Didsbury 1999 Senior's Games Committee. He explained the event that is expected to draw thousands to the two communities, and indicated that the Senior's Games Friends of the Games committee would be addressing the board in the future for some support in wither financial terms or in-kind gifts.

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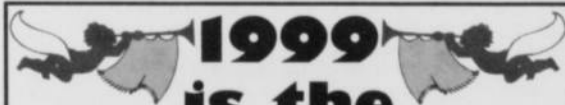
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DIDSBURY DRUGS

School volunteers to be covered under draft policy

By Ceilidh McClurg

Volunteers in the schools have long been a part of the education system, however, with the numbers of volunteers increasing due to schools' needs, they are taking a more integral role.

"They play an important part in our schools," said Carstairs/Cremona area trustee, Ian Taylor.

That is why Chinook's Edge School Board says they feel it is time to examine implementing a volunteer policy.

The policy was actually initiated by the former board, but the draft policy was brought back from the committee to the board at the last meeting.

It includes such things as requiring criminal record checks for volunteers that are working with the students on an ongoing basis, job descriptions and expectations being outlined formally, and clearance from the principal for all volunteers within the school.

Trustee Jackie Swainson said that she thought it was a good idea to have such a policy in place because it protects the well being of the students, however she had concerns about the vague definition of a volunteer.

Fellow trustee Sandi Chalmers agreed. She said she wondered if the policy would

apply to the parent who is chaperoning a field trip once or twice a year, or if it would only be the volunteers who are in the schools two or three times per week. She said she felt uncomfortable with the lack of a definition because if the policy was too confining it would be discouraging to the parents who volunteer.

"I just don't want the parents to feel unwelcome," she said. She instead suggested a code of ethics and conduct, instead of a formal process.

Terresa Dersch, corporate secretary to the board, acknowledged the concerns about the draft policy, and provided some background on why the policy was initiated in the first place.

"A volunteer, for all intents and purposes, is an employee without pay," said Dersch.

She explained that because there is not a policy, and not even any guidelines in place right now, there is opportunity for something to go wrong.

"If you run into snags, you have nothing to fall back on."

She cites a case where a volunteer comes into the school, and after a while it is determined by the teacher or the school that the relationship is not working out for various reasons. If there is no policy formally in place, it

makes it difficult for the school to know how to handle the situation.

But, this theory works both ways, she says. If the volunteer experience is left too wide open, it is unfair to the volunteer because they do not know what will be expected of them.

On that note, trustees asked if volunteers were going to be treated like employees, there should also be a clause that outlines the termination of a volunteer, which there is not currently.

After much discussion all of the trustees agreed that the policy was necessary, but there were some problems with the draft that left them feeling uncomfortable.

Stuart Little said, "I think it's amply necessary, but I think it needs to go back for some fine tuning."

That is where it went, back to the policy committee who will clear up such issues as the definition of volunteer, who would have to enter into a formal agreement, and to provide some clarifications regarding termination and the role of the principal of the school.

The volunteer policy will come back to the board at a later date with revisions.

Board chair, Roy Brassard said, "It (the policy) is long overdue, I believe."



TEA AND TOUR

Ruth Jepson gets into character while showing guests around her heritage home on Saturday. Jepson's home was one of many on the Heritage Home Tea and Tour last weekend. The tour gives people an opportunity to satisfy their curiosity while supporting local causes. All proceeds are donated to local programs.

Superintendent speaks against Carstairs project

By Ceilidh McClurg

In a surprise move, new board superintendent, Herb Fader, spoke loudly against continuing with the Carstairs new school project.

"As your superintendent, I have concerns about the school division's role, or perceived role, in the project," he began. He said that he wanted the opportunity to express those concerns, and whether or not the board agreed or disagreed, at least he felt he had laid all his cards on the table.

The project, which was approved in principle last year by the former board, is the first phase of a new school in Carstairs. The school had received over \$2 million for modernization of Hugh Sutherland School, but a community group, the Carstairs Futures Committee, thought that it would be more innovative to spend that money on new construction, that pour money into the old facility.

The province approved the transfer of funds from modernization to new construction, but there was still a shortfall in the plan to build phase one, which would house the high school students.

The former school board put a deadline on the money, saying that if the shortfall to build the gym and costs of site prepara-

tion was not raised by Dec. 31 of this year, the money would be rolled back into modernization for Hugh Sutherland. So, for the past year the Futures Committee has been busy raising that money.

But, Fader's comments may throw a wrench into those plans.

"Whether they come up with the money or not... It is still not, in my estimation, in the best interest of the students in all of Chinook's Edge," said Fader.

He explained that his concern is that because of the change in capital funding from the province, the board will not be able to apply and receive any additional money for the school project for phase two, because the province just automatically sends capital monies (about \$1 million per year) based on a per capita for the board to decide how the funds will be divided. Fader says that to build the second half of the project, the money would have to be taken out of that money, and it could take as long as 10 to 15 years of saving to make that possible. In the meantime, says Fader, nothing is being done about the other schools in the jurisdiction who are all in need of repairs and capital funding.

"It is my view that the board can not afford this project," said Fader.

Although the trustees did also express some of the same concerns, most felt it was unfair to withdraw the approval at such a late stage when the deadline is only weeks away.

Carstairs/Cremona trustee, Ian Taylor said, "The direction Mr. Fader is suggesting is to take a 180 degree turn on this and basically turn down the project... I hear a loud sucking noise of a lot of people's hopes and efforts going down the tubes."

He added that the previous board made a commitment, right or wrong, and that it would be unfair to pull the plug.

"Technically it could be done (cancelled), but I question morally if it's the right thing to do," said Taylor.

Other trustees expressed the same concerns as Taylor, but admitted that Fader did have a point that the rest of the jurisdiction would suffer at the benefit of Carstairs.

Didsbury trustee and board chair, Roy Brassard said, "It is a very, very emotional issue in that community and to alter that decision right now needs to take a lot of thought."

That is the direction the board chose to take - to spend some time thinking about the project, Fader's comments, and the future of the community.

No decision was made.

Board preparing for bite of Y2K bug

By Ceilidh McClurg

With the new year fast approaching, it is causing people to think ahead into the next millennium, including the local school board.

The issue arose twice at last week's school board meeting.

When the board's auditor presented his completed statement for last year, he also included some recommendations regarding the dreaded Y2K (Year 2000) bug.

A representative from Meyers, Norris, Penny firm presented the statements and a letter addressing some concerns or issues that he felt the board should look after. One of those was the Y2K computer bug.

According to the letter, "An action plan based on the Division's needs and risks must be developed and implemented before December 31, 1999."

During the audit, computer systems were evaluated and found to be Y2K compliant, however he urged the administration and board to also take a close look at other electronic equipment, such as photocopiers and alarm systems.

The Y2K bug is a computer glitch that was created upon the birth of computers. Because the older model computers recognize only the last two digits of a year, (for example 99, instead of 1999), this is expected to cause a administrative nightmare for all things controlled electronically when the computers recognize the year 2000 as 00.

For example, an old style accounting system which is not compliant would see an invoice due in 2000 as 1900 instead and would charge interest for 100 years.

Meyers, Norris, Penny also suggested that contact be made with all of the high priority suppliers to the board, because he stated, even if Chinook's Edge is prepared, there could still be some serious problems as a spin-off effect from suppliers who are not.

Later in the school board meeting, Stuart Little raised the issue again.

"We had better make sure that Chinook's Edge has covered all of its bases," said Little, adding that through reading literature on the topic he is concerned for the whole "system," or the way everything these days is so technologically based.

Susan Roy, board treasurer, reported to the board that Alberta Education requires all school boards to provide a report to the province outlining how they have prepared for the turning of the millennium.

Little made a motion that directed the superintendent to instruct Dr. Peter D'Arby (the technology director for Chinook's Edge) to present a report to the board at the January meeting regarding the division's Y2K compliance.

EDITORIAL/ OPINIONS

I'll be home for Christmas



Nicole
SMITH

There are only nine shopping days left until Christmas.

Only nine more days to hit the crowded malls, fight for a parking spot and spend way too much money on over-priced merchandise.

Do I sound a little cynical? Maybe that's because I haven't done any of my Christmas shopping yet. I'm afraid to.

Yeah, Christmas has officially snuck up on me this year and bit me on the behind.

My roommate brought home a Christmas tree on Sunday and I didn't want any part of it. I didn't want to set it up, to put the lights on and to primp it so that the scrawny tree would look like a work of art.

No, I'm not a grinch. I guess for me Christmas doesn't start until I'm at home with my family. It's been like that since I moved out four years ago.

For me, spending the holidays with my family is the best part of Christmas. I get to spend lazy days helping my mom decorate the house, eating meals that don't come out of a can or a box and being grateful for the wonderful people in my life.

Santa still comes to visit me and my brother every year, but it's just not the same anymore. My eyes just don't light up the same when I look under the tree on Christmas morning. Maybe that's because it's not cool for a 21-year-old to be getting toys anymore. Now, Santa brings practical gifts like microwaves and towels.

I love getting presents, don't get me wrong. I just find more joy in finding someone else the perfect gift. I spend weeks and days and hours racking my brain to come up with the best possible gift for each person in my family.

They say that to give is better than to receive, and when I was younger I thought that was a crock. Now, though, it's so true. The fact that I am able to buy wonderful gifts for my parents is a great feeling. My life with them is a gift, and my putting nice presents under the tree for them at Christmas is the least I can do.

Christmas is the only time of year that I enjoy going to church. My mother is a devout Catholic, but I partly abandoned the religion years ago. Still, though, there's nothing like attending midnight mass on Christmas Eve, listening to the choir and enjoying the whole meaning of what Christmas is. Being able to thank God for all that I have every once in a while is a great feeling, and Christmas time is definitely one of those times.

Christmas is also a time to reflect on the past year. I am able to think of the mistakes I have made, rejoice in my triumphs and make plans for the upcoming year.

I seem to miss the ones I've lost most during the holidays. This special, family-oriented time makes me long for my grandfather who passed away two years ago. (I miss you, Papa.) It also makes me think of people I've lost due to time, not death. The friends I don't talk to anymore, the old boyfriends and even old pets.

I think that Christmas is the most perfect time of year to rekindle old relationships. Why not give that old friend a call over Christmas and catch up on what's happening in their life? Or re-establish a relationship with a relative with whom you haven't spoken for some time? Apologies seem to go over best at Christmas.

So, during this most special time of the year, don't get so caught up in the commercialism of the season that you forget the best gift ever given to you. Your family.

Merry Christmas to everyone.



Helpers make the season bright with hampers

Dear Editor,

The days are flying by and the count down to Christmas is dropping fast!

Didsbury has always been known as the best place to live. People here are caring, friendly, and generous. The Christmas Helper program gives people the opportunity to let these qualities shine.

My one and only desire for the Christmas Helpers is that all the individuals who need this kind of help are found. Do you know of someone struggling to get by. Please phone 335-3629 or 335-2378. The deadline for names is Dec. 18. Please do your part!

Dec. 20-Annual Gift Wrapping at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 22-Making up hampers and delivery. Delivered between 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Please drop off good used or new toys and gifts at the post office or Subway. Thanks to all who supported the White Elephant Sale at Ross Ford School, it raised \$1000. Hats off to the members of the 5-0 Club singers, the service clubs, churches, businesses, and individuals who have so generously given to the program.

Finally are you going to be alone Christmas Day? You are welcome to join us at 1:00 p.m. Dec. 25 at the Didsbury Elks Hall for dinner and fun. Please bring a White Elephant gift for the gift exchange. Come and meet new friends.

Have a blessed Christmas and all the best in the New Year! Thanks in advance for your generosity and your help.

Sincerely Yours,
Linda Sirr
Linda Regner

Wonderings of the heart

By Margaret Fradley

As Christmas approaches, we all have special and treasured memories of Christmas when we were children.

Look with me, for a moment, down memory lane and recall those memories we cherished as a child.

I am sure my eyes grew large with wonder as I watched my father light the candles on our Christmas tree. Each candle was set in a small candle holder and clipped onto a branch of the tree. The candlelight was magical. There was something awesome and homey about it. Some years later, of course, candles were banned due to fire hazard, and we had to put up lights.

Christmas as a child was a sparse time. One had very little materially, but we had family and friends and were content. Gifts were usually a new pair of mittens, pyjamas or even an undershirt, but always a small 'sweet' - they were always welcomed by us.

When our children were young, each year we would go out with friends to find 'just that right Christmas tree.' The one that suited us best. Often we trudged through knee-deep snow, but always enjoyed the hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas oranges we brought along, then off to a 'fun meal' at one of our homes.

Many of us still enjoy baking some of our family Christmas cookies and other recipes, and these help to keep our tradition alive.

Times have changed, but there is a sense of nostalgia that comes from an 'old fashioned Christmas,' however humble.

Memories and traditions are special. Let's cherish them.



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Notes from Nigeria: Getting into the spirit

Dan and Janet Snyder are Didsburians who are missionaries in Nigeria.

Sunday, Dec. 6
Dear friends,

Saturday there were local government elections. This is the first step to the return to democracy and from what we hear the turn out was high and things were peaceful. We thank God for a good beginning to the process. Because of the fear of riots and of people going from one polling station to another to vote several times there was restricted movement from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. People were allowed to walk to the polling stations but cars and buses were not supposed to be used. Stores and restaurants did not open until the evening if at all. In some parts of

the country movement was restricted from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. It was wonderfully quiet and calm. We really appreciated having no traffic past our back door for most of the day.

This week has also been a week of preparation of exams. Dan got those for eighth and seventh grades done - only two more to do. The students are also feeling the pressure as exams get closer. Papers and project are coming due and the library is very busy with students trying to finish up research and typing papers. Sometimes the pressure the students feel gets taken out on the teachers as computers lock up and the students haven't saved their work and must retype.

Friday night the community choir presented "The Messiah"

outside on the courts. There will be about 190 singers plus the orchestra. Thursday was the dress rehearsal and the local TV station filmed it. Friday the place was crowded with probably over a thousand people to hear this beautiful presentation of the Christmas story. It was almost a shame that it was only presented one

night after all the weeks and months of practices that went into it. After the Tuesday night rehearsal this past week one of the soloists remarked that he was used to the accompanist playing all the notes, playing the right notes and following his singing. None of which happened on Tuesday. But on Friday night it all worked to-

gether well and was truly an addition to the Christmas season.

Last Sunday, Janet put up our four-foot Christmas tree and decorated it. With the Christmas music it helps us to get into the Christmas spirit. It's different here with shortsleeve weather year round.

Sincerely,
Dan and Janet Snyder

Ross Ford writes

Editor's Note: All of the grammar and spelling in the following letters has been left as it was in the original letter to preserve the personality in the writing.

Dear Editor,

I'm worried about crimes. There are too many crimes in the cities and towns. I guess people are mad at a person, that is why people do bad things. I hope you will fix the crimes some day, I have not ever done a crime so you do not have to worry.

Sincerely,
Emma Reed

Dear Editor,

Why do all of the abused get most of the money? It is not fair. Why don't kids get a lot of I want kids to get a lot of money to. And I heard of people in Calgary stealing kids. Why do you think they do that?

Sincerely,
Arthur Haskett

Dear Editor,

I'm concerned about violence because when people walk out on to the street they are getting hurt or killed. I also concerned about people stealing other peoples stuff and people doing vandalism.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Armstrong

Dear Editor,

It's not fair that most animals are getting extinct. Think if you were an animal and you got extinct. Animals are made to be here in life and I love animals.

Sincerely,
Kayla Edwards

Dear Editor,

I'm concerned about there being too many drugs in the drugstores and I'm concerned about there not being enough comics and cross words for kids.

Sincerely,
Kirsten Kurtz

Dear Editor,

I don't want people selling tobacco in stores because smoking is a dumb thing to do because over 80 people die in two

years. People who smoke get cancer and die.

Sincerely,
Zachary Pochapsky

Dear Editor,

I'm concerned about drinking and driving because too many people are getting hurt or killed. It not just adults getting drunk there are teenage kids getting drunk. But the biggest problem is smoking and it's become a habit and nobody doing anything about it.

Sincerely,
Lucas Wagner

Dear Editor,

I hate people getting hurt. so don't sell guns. Please make school buses with seat belts.

Sincerely,
Kyle Parkin

Dear Editor,

I think that there should be no bad drugs in the world because sometimes adults ask children to take bad drugs. If there were no bad drugs no one would have cancer or something. If I would have those drugs I would throw them away, so there would be no drugs.

Sincerely,
Beth Edgar

Dear Editor,

I read you Journal sometimes. But I never find anything for kids. I like more stories or jokes and would like more contests or pictures to color. Please give me an answer.

Sincerely,
Nick Renggli

Dear Editor,

People shouldn't sell tobacco because it's what people put in pipes and you shouldn't smoke because it's not good for you. Some other people might be allergic to cigar smoke like my brother.

Sincerely,
Justin Code

Westglen students at work

Dear Editor,

As a relative new comer to small-town Alberta you have often extolled the joys of living in a small community. You are now part of one of those joys. Some weeks ago you agreed to show our school newspaper reporters Christine Ta and Katrina Saina, the workings of the Didsbury Review. Your willingness and professionalism during that activity was most appreciated and served as an inspiration to the students.

The explanation about the newspaper process and the tour you gave to the girls was interesting and enlightening, but the opportunity of accompanying you to an interview was truly the highlight of their day. Your help in formulating interview questions and allowing the girls to ask those questions of Ms. Sandra King offered them a fine educational experience.

Our school programs are increasingly trying to expose students to career possibilities and it is opportunities like the one you provided for Christine and Katrina that are most beneficial to our students. The Review has always given Westglen School support.

Sincerely,
Sharon A Israelson,
Student Advisor

We Are Still Missing You!

We invite You to join us this season as we celebrate God's gift of Love!

<p><small>Children's Christmas Program December 19th Christmas Sun. Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m.</small></p>	<p><small>Outdoor Live Nativity Dec. 21, 22, 23 - 7:45 p.m.</small></p>	<p><small>Candlelight Family Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m.</small></p>
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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 19 Ave., or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on December 30, 1998. Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

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FROM THE MAILBAG

Story worth sharing: Gaining some perspective this year

Dear Editor,

Here's a story about Christmas that's worth sharing around this time of year.

It was back one evening in 1850, that two demons were sitting on top of a church steeple, watching people enter the church of a little town. It was Christmas time, and the families had gathered together to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. They were honouring Him by being kind to another, and being thankful for what they had. This, of course, bothered the demons very much.

One of the demons, called Deceitful, called out to his companion, Compromise, "I've been thinking a lot, and I believe I have a cunning idea of how to get the focus of Christmas off this - this Christ, and to think more and more our way."

"But how can this be done?" responded Compromise, as he knew there were many God-fearing people in this little town.

"We've got to distract the people from the truth ... give them an alternative."

"Deceitful, you know these people won't be easily fooled."

"Oh, it may take time, but

with my plan it will be easy to convince the people who already don't go to church because they are against this religious reason for the season. What we need is someone with as much power as this Jesus to be able to convince even the church-goers."

"Maybe we could get our boss Lucifer to show his great power," suggested Compromise.

"No! The church people wouldn't go for that. What we need is someone who is a counterfeiter of Jesus Christ; he must be omnipotent (all powerful), omnipresent (everywhere), and he must be king on Christmas Day."

"But who do we know that can do all that?" questioned Compromise.

"I knew you'd be asking that, my evil little friend. This was certainly the most difficult part of my plan. Who can we get to take the place of this Christ, to uproot His name, to be more popular than Him, to be so cunningly deceptive as to steal the love of the little ones? Who can be the one to encourage parents to even deceive their own young? Actually, Compromise, the character I want to

create is going to cause a financial nightmare for many: with a frenzy of overspending, excessive eating, drinking and partying which will usher in a rash of more murders, suicides, and drunkenness than at any time of the year! With this character, Christmas will be distorted and many, even church people, will not really honour this Christ-child but will be honouring the imposter I have created!"

"Oh, to only deceive the church!" laughed Compromise.

"Yes, my evil little friend, and to do it with a character that doesn't really exist, is the greatest con yet!"

"What will you call this imposter who the people will honour?"

"His first name must mean 'holy,' to add a little irony; his second name shall mean 'to close,' ... 'holy to close!' I'll call him Santa Claus!"

"Do you think the boss will approve of your plan? And will it really work?"

"Time will tell ... time will certainly tell!"

Sincerely,
J. Metcalfe

Letters are welcome

Your comment on content or issues of interest to members of our community are welcome. All letters must be signed, (signature to be printed), include a phone number and address. All letters may be edited for brevity, clarity and label.

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Lifestyles

South West Didsbury news

By Bessie Eckstrand

The Parkland Annual Customer Appreciation Banquet was held Nov. 29 at the Carstairs Community Hall. A packed house enjoyed a most delicious turkey and beef supper with all the trimmings, including cheese cake for dessert.

Tony Overwater, owner of Parkland Agri Services spoke following the supper and thanked everyone for coming and they were looking forward to another year of exciting advancement in technology.

For entertainment the Carstairs Theatre Group presented 'Don't Step on my Footprints.' It was hilarious and enjoyed by all. A number of customers took home some lovely door prizes.

Carl Morris found an old copy of the Didsbury Review from July 15, 1964. I thought maybe you readers would be interested in a few of the ads.

Auctioneers: Raymond Shantz and Wayne Kelsey, Carstairs; Ray Shantz and Don Irwins Buying Station.

Millers Groceteria: weiners, bulk - \$0.03 each; bacon - \$0.55/lb; Tenderleaf lard - \$0.35 for 2 lbs.; tomatoes - \$0.29 a carton.

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A & P Market Ltd: eggs - \$0.25 a dozen; crackers - \$0.10.

Thank you to Dr. Matron and nurses from Mrs. Mary Jane Klinck.

Births at hospital: Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stauffer a girl.

Johnnies Lucky Dollar Store: cooked ham - \$0.50 for a 1/2 lb.

Slipps Drug Store: Len Slipp druggist. Rexal film - 3 for \$0.89.

Bercht and Son Shoes and Clothing.

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Two very large granite rocks were loaded onto a truck on Nov. 30. One was taken to Barry and Marie Barkley's and the very large one (five tons) was taken to Carstairs and placed at the entrance to the Community Hall. It is to be sand blasted and Carstairs Community Hall printed on it.

Cliff used to plough and cultivate over these two rocks. Finally he and a friend tried to dig them out, but couldn't, so got the big Hoff-shovel from Feed Lot about 10 years ago and escorted them to the edge of the field. They have lain there ever since. It is nice that someone can use them.

Most of the rock in this country is sandstone, but these were granite.



I DARE YOU

Keith McKinnon of the #514 Didsbury Elks in Didsbury donates \$500 to Myles Peckham for the Drug Abuse and Resistance Education (DARE) program that Peckham runs in the local schools. The money will be used to purchase supplies for the program like workbooks and T-shirts.

Bancroft Women's Institute

The Bancroft Women's Institute held their Christmas meeting in Didsbury at the home of Catherine McNaughtan. The meeting opened with the carol 'I heard the bells on Christmas day.' Members brought food for the Food Bank and three dozen fresh baked Christmas cookies.

Elsie Brander and McNaughtan reported on their hospital and nursing home visit. McNaughtan also reported on cards sent to hospital patients and the bereaved. Secretary Eva Page read the Christmas letter from Alberta Women's Institute President, Doris Northey. The

recent Home and Country WI paper contains a story about a former member, Dewilla Anderson, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday at Vulcan. She recalls her first WI provincial convention at which Emily Murphy of the now Famous Five was the guest speaker.

Bancroft will again host a series of community card parties. The date of the first two will be Jan. 15 and Jan. 29. They begin at 7:30 p.m. at Midway School. The cost is \$2 per person with lunch and prizes provided.

Marj Fisher circulated a pattern for easy-to-knit slippers. Members are encouraged to knit these for hospital patients. Mem-

bers drew names for their 1999 secret sisters.

A hearty welcome to new member Susan Page. We were also pleased to see three of our seniors out for the afternoon - Mary McCulloch, Jean Swanson and Marj Fisher.

Members packed cookies for the Nursing Home and Hospital, as well as for a number of friends and neighbours. The afternoon ended with the arrival of Santa (aka Joan Patterson), who distributed Secret Sister gifts. Hostess tea prize winner was Elsie Brander.

The first meeting of the new year will be held Jan. 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Lila Kurtz. Visitors are welcome.



RIBBONS AND BOWS

Christmas isn't Christmas without the innocence and spirit of children. Talson Neufeld, seven months old and his mom, Shelli visited with Connie Inverarity at the hospital on Thursday night as part of the Christmas party held for the residents in the long-term care and auxiliary hospital units. The residents and their guests enjoyed a filling meal, gifts and music as part of the celebration. Talson is anxious to see what is inside the gift box in front of him.

4-H bowls over

By Kayla Pross

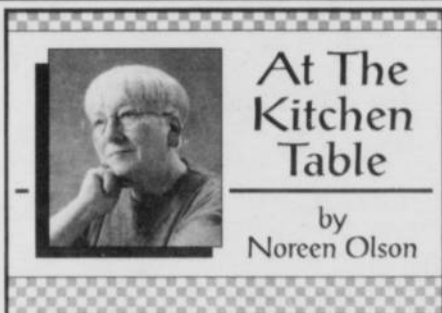
Friday Dec. 11 Lindsey Viney called the Didsbury Outlaws meeting to order and did roll call. Katrina Frost did the minutes from the previous meeting. Lauren Norsworthy did the 4-H pledge and Jessica Youngs talked about the bottle and battery drive and said it was very successful. Congratulations were given to Katrina Frost, Cari-Ann Viney, Jodi Verbonic and Jamie Krebs for winning the Regional Record Book awards. Stephanie Norsworthy also won Jr. Judging. Committee reports from Stacey Luft-Haberle, Jamie Krebs, Cari-Ann Viney, Joey Shields and Jodi-Lynn Krebs were given. All this was done at a bowling alley! Why you ask? Because it was the Outlaws 4-H Christmas Party! The Outlaws went glow bowling in Sundre, what a blast! At the end we all did a crazy bowl. We even had a surprise visit from Santa and Mrs. Clause who handed out candy bags. Even leaders Bonnie Tuggle and Dixie Viney got to sit on Santa's knee. It totally rocked! Jodi Verbonic, Katie Neufeld, Cari-Ann Viney and Janet Bischler were awarded prizes for their bowling scores! Thanks to Jessica Youngs for organizing the Christmas Party! We had a great time!

On Dec. 12, the Sundre 4-H Multi Club hosted a fun spiel. Outlaw members Katie Speers, Katie Neufeld and Kayla Pross attended this function.

Everyone received a gift and a trophy.

It was well attended and a lot of fun.

Our next meeting will be January 11, 1999 at the hog line room at the Curling Rink.



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Two weeks before Christmas and next week is my Christmas column. Because I love Christmas and my Christmas columns always lean toward warmth, joy, blessings, and goodwill I thought maybe this week's offering should contain some Christmas humor. Confidently I began going through my Christmas file and then less confidently my joke file, in growing gloom I began paging through joke books and even books of quotations. There seems to be very little available in clean, funny, Christmas jokes! This may be a short column.

When our kids were in County Band we never missed a Concert and I was often in tears because I thought they were all wonderful, but maybe not everyone appreciates amateur talent.

The scene is a Christmas Concert in the school gym. The grade six Brass Quintet is performing Angels We Have Heard On High. Near the back of the of the room an elderly man is sobbing quietly into his handkerchief. One of the parents leans over and pats him on the knee. "Are you so overcome by the Christmas spirit?", the parent asks sympathetically. "No," says the weeping man, "I'm a musician."

Gift giving becomes more and more difficult, because our kids are self-sufficient and don't really need anything. Our friends, brothers and sisters are beginning to cut back on "things", our parents and dear old aunts and uncles are gone. This year we are giving meters on the Trans Canada Trail. Money to the Salvation Army, Food Bank, my Russian pen pal, various Christmas Charities, Child Find etc. There will be some nice little things to open of course and stocking stuffers and books, candy and music but who needs more ornaments, china and silver?

"These spoons that your Aunt Bertha gave us are not sterling silver."

"When did you get to know so much about sterling silver."

"I don't know much about silver, but I know your Aunt Bertha."

Son to father, "This year Dad instead of buying me some expensive thing that you're not even sure I want why don't you give me something that you made yourself." Father looking pleased, "Like what Son." Son, "Like money."

I used to love buying and giving toys to my nieces and nephews, and then later to our kids, but even gift giving to children is not without pitfalls. When my nephew Ken Kinley was about 3 1/2 his dad drove a school bus and Kenny was crazy about busses. I bought him a bus and so did his mom and dad. He had opened his parents bus first and so when he opened mine and just looked glum his mom tried to stir up a little enthusiasm. "Look at that Kenny," she said. "Santa brought you two busses."

Ken looked up from under his long eyelashes and said, "Why the old fool."

Because I make some of my presents and because the things that go to Norway and my Russian friend Natalia have to get away early I do my shopping quite early. Natalia teaches English in a Trade School for small children so I am picking up children's books all year round.

First socialite, "I buy all my Christmas presents in October. Second socialite, "But how do you know in October who your friends will be in December?"

Did you hear about the man who crossed holly with poison ivy and broke out in a rash of Christmas colors?

I found a couple of cute knock, knock jokes. Groaners admittedly, but it's the season of Good Will toward man so be kind.

Knock knock...who's there? Olive... Olive who? Olive the other reindeer, used to laugh and..."

Knock knock...who's there? Megan, Elise and chicken who? He's Megan Elise and chicken it twice, gonna find out who's naughty and nice..."

And of course the really obvious.

Knock knock...who's there? Emery...Emery who? Emery Christmas to all and to all a good night.

Community Bus

By Annie Pringle

The committee met at the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. with only two members present.

Please mark your calendar for our next meeting on March 3 and plan to attend.

Your ideas are most welcome in helping the committee to give a service to those using the bus.

Words from Westglen

By Christine Ta

It's been a busy week in December for most everyone at Westglen. Everyone is preparing for their Christmas break. Here's what we've been doing this week.

The basketball season is off to a great start this year. Good luck to everyone that signed up.

The lip-synch contest was a great success as you probably already know. The winners were: for third place went to Grease of Sarah Kemmere and Jessica Lefebvre. Second place went to Lion King by five Grade 6 girls, and first place went to the 60s song mix by Anna Crosby, Stacey Jensen, Lori Jackson, and Meg Neufeld. Congratulations to all the winners and participants.

On Dec. 4 the trips committee held a rollerblading trip. I

hope everyone had lots of fun. Thanks to the teachers who chaperoned.

Also, the Christmas dance was held last Thursday. We hope everyone that went enjoyed it. We would also like to acknowledge all the parents and teachers that helped chaperone the dance.

The Christmas concert was held last Wednesday. All the grades did an excellent job at performing for the parents, friends and other people. And on behalf of the Grade 7 and 8 students, who sold poinsettias, we would like to express our gratitude to those who purchased some poinsettias to help us fundraise for band camp in the upcoming months.

This month the Grade 7s (Mrs. Visser's class) is working hard so they can party before Christmas break. In LA they are doing Reader's Theatre. In math they are learning about fractions. In science they are studying structures and designs and in social they are studying about being marooned on an island. Keep up the fantastic work Grade 7s.

The turkey dinner was today at lunch. We would like to express our appreciation to everyone that helped prepare the turkeys for us students at Westglen School.

That's all from me until the new year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Lifeline meeting

By Annie Pringle

On Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. in the Town Hall, the Lifeline held their meeting, with one visitor present.

Treasurer Luella Eby gave her annual financial statement and we have had another good year.

Installer Stewart Tighe reported that there are 38 units in service and six on hand.

The Annual Meeting of Lifeline will be held March 9 in the Town Chambers at 10 a.m.

Come and support the executive and bring your ideas for improving this service.

We send greetings to all for a Merry Christmas and a good 1999.

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Faces

a brief glimpse of people and events in our community

Compiled by Nicole Smith



Rosebud raffle

The Rosebud Health Foundation has been working hard selling tickets for their Christmas Nativity Raffle.

The draw will be made on Friday, Dec. 19 at the empty building beside Potentials clothing store here in Didsbury.

The foundation is inviting anyone to stop by, enjoy some refreshments and wait for the draw to be made. Tickets still available from noon - 5p.m. at draw location.



He's coming to town

The kids in Didsbury must be some of the luckiest in the world.

On Friday, Dec. 18, Santa Claus will be making a visit to town.

The Didsbury Volunteer Fire Department will be picking Santa up earlier in the day at the airport in Calgary and bringing him

to town on the fire trucks.

His first stop will be at the Hospital, where he will spend time visiting with all the patients there. He will be handing out treats to everyone there and listening to their Christmas wishes.

After that, he heads to the gazebo, where he will visit with all the kids here in town.

So, get your wish lists together and be at the gazebo at 7:30 p.m., so you can let Santa know if you've been a good boy or girl.

Canada Winter Games

Team Alberta for the 1999 Canada Winter Games is starting to take shape with over half of the contingents selected. Each of the 23 teams have announced their coaches and managers. In addition, team rosters have been named for nine sports which include: badminton, curling (men's), curling (women's), hockey (women's), hockey (men's), ringette, synchronized swimming, table tennis and wheelchair basketball.

Team Alberta will be sending a contingent of 323 athletes, coaches and managers to compete at the 1999 Canada Winter Games in Corner Brook, Newfoundland from Feb. 20 to March 6, 1999.

The Canada Games are the largest amateur multi-sport festival in Canada, attracting over 3,200 participants from across the country. Alberta hosted the Canada Winter Games in 1995 when Grande Prairie and Jasper welcomed the country.

Corner Brook, with a population of 23,000 is the smallest region ever to host a Canada Winter Games. The community and volunteers have spent the past four years preparing for the 1999 Games.

Some locals that have been selected to compete at the games are as follows:

Kelsey Bills from Carstairs will be representing Alberta in Women's Hockey.

Lorrie Horne from Olds has been selected as a Ringette coach for Team Alberta.

Live nativity

With a Santa Claus on every corner, Christmas trees everywhere and all the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping going on, we sometimes forget the real meaning of Christmas.

To most the birth of Christ is the most important aspect of the holiday season. It is the epitome of Christmas.

The Redeemer Lutheran Church will once again this year be displaying a live nativity. They will re-enact the birth of Christ, with local people as the actors, as well as live animals.

"The live animals really add a lot to the telling of the story of the birth of Christ," said Pastor Robert Mohns. He says that there will be sheep, horses and donkeys there to participate in the re-enactment.

Along with the animals, a lot of locals will be displaying their acting talent in the presentation. Mohns said that there are 25-30 people who are involved with putting the show on, most of which will be in full costume of the times.

"We have so many people wanting to participate that we have to rotate the actors each night," he said.

According to Mohns, the show is being polished more and more every year. The groups will have bleachers set up for the spectators, and there are stage settings, music and lights to compliment the program.

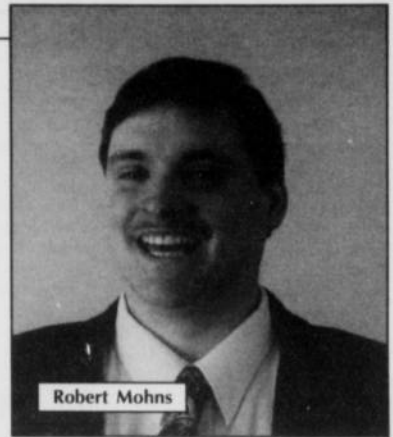
The live nativity runs Dec. 20-23 at 7:45 p.m. each night. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no charge. The program runs about 20 minutes and snacks, hot cider and hot chocolate will be served afterwards.

The nativity takes place in front of the church, so Mohns suggests that everyone dress warmly.

"We just ask everybody to pray for warm weather," he said. Mohns said that they've only ever had to cancel for bad weather once or twice, so the show usually does go on.

He says that this presentation is a gift to the community from the church.

"We're sharing God's love. This is one way that we can do that. We're trying to give people hope and a sense of joy of the Christmas season."



Local acknowledged

Many local students were recognized on Nov. 17 at Red Deer College 26th annual Student Recognition Breakfast. The breakfast is part of the KITE program on campus which is a comprehensive attempt to recognize the many forms of achievement at Red Deer College.

The students were recognized for their academic achievement, diligence in studies, positive influence in their learning environment or their involvement in campus or community groups and activities. Each student received a certificate from President Ron Woodward and a commemorative photograph. The breakfast is held biannually.

The locals that were honoured are as follows:

Nadine Hallett of Cremona for excellence in Recreation Administration.

Rob Scott of Didsbury for his excellence in B.Ed and B. Kinesiology combined.

Kelly Phillips of Olds for her excellence in General Studies.



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News from the Dragon's Den: Basketball begins

Welcome to the Dragon's Den. On Dec. 10, Mr. Wegner, along with Mrs. Code and Mrs. Wannamaker, took a small group of Grade 9s to the Calgary Aviation Centre at the Calgary Airport to learn about weather conditions and their role in the traffic at the airport. According to participants, the experience was excellent and worth the time, and they definitely learned a lot.

Volleyball season at DHS ended recently. The Senior Girls were very successful at Provincials, and although they didn't win any matches, they took all the games to the best of three. Congratulations to the team on a great year. An extra congratulations is due to Courtney Murphy, Stephanie McNeil, Jason McNeil and Matt Siemens, who qualified for the West Zone All-Star Volleyball team. Also, the athletes extend their appreciation to the coaches, who spent countless hours in training at games.

Basketball is underway at DHS for this year, and the whole school is excited about the high potential of the teams. The JV Girls play their first game against Carstairs on Dec. 16. All the best.

The JV Boys played their first game in Crossfield on Dec. 7. The boys blew them away with a score of 85 to 25 for Didsbury. Top scorers included Jon Rose (18 pts.), Steven Redmond (16 pts.), Phillip Portingale (14 pts.), and Darren Henry (10 pts.). Way to go, guys.

Also on Dec. 7, students from DHS and other members of the community attended the "Christmas in Song" concert that was held at the Jack Singer Concert Hall. This concert featured exceptional talent. Particularly sig-

nificant to the community of Didsbury were the inclusion of Kory Simon and former student Andrea McCulloch. The concert was a great success and the groups performed many familiar Christmas tunes, finishing off with Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, from the Messiah. Congratulations to Kory and Andrea.

Donations for the Street Kids of Calgary is off to a very slow start. This is perhaps in part due to the excellent weather we are currently having, but, the reality is that we have cold winters in Alberta and these individuals need our help to make their experience on the streets of Calgary less devastating. Please bring all donations to Ms. Turner's classroom by the library at DHS. Ms. Turner will be delivering all she can on Dec. 18, but if you have more to give away after the holidays, again, bring them to Ms. Turner's class. Although donations given before Christmas will probably serve as the only gifts some of these teens receive this Christmas, the need never ends - so donations are welcome all year long, but gifts given now help represent the spirit of Christmas.

Christmas activities are springing up everywhere at DHS in this final week before holidays. On Dec. 16, there will be a House Building Contest in the main foyer. Then on Dec. 17, the students are able to compete in a Turkey Shoot. Thursday will also be the final day for door decorating and at lunch the finely selected judges will choose the best decorated classroom door in the school. There are small prizes, but really, the fun is in the creating. Finally, during the last period of classes on Dec. 18, there

will be our traditional Christmas Assembly. Events will include a performance by Ms. Campbell's Drama 10/20 class of the light-hearted play entitled, "Whatever Happened to Old Ebenezer Scrooge?" Other events to be held at the assembly include the Student's Union "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Please feel free to attend this special celebration.

On behalf of all the students and staff at DHS, we'd like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday. Christmas holidays begin Dec. 18 and run until Jan. 4. Be sure to relax over the holiday, because January is exam month. Also, please be sure

that you have seen and signed your child's interim report and send it back to the respective teachers before the holidays.

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In Business

Wild Rose Machining is a well oiled machine

By Ceilidh McClurg

One of the newest businesses in town is working like a well oiled machine.

And, that's good because that is the business they are in.

Wild Rose Machining was born out of years of experience with a little dash of opportunity.

Owner, Cal Hamm had been in and out of the machining industry for years, having worked 13 years at Kuelker's Manufacturing and most recently managing a machine shop in Crossfield.

When he found out the Crossfield machining shop was closing its doors, he saw that there was a deal to be made. Didsbury needed a machine shop because after the take over of Kuelker's by Westward Parts, it was not doing as much of the repairs and machining that it used to do and was focusing more on the manufacturing end of its business. Wild Rose and Westward share a good working rapport and sometimes even refer to business to one another.

There was a hole that needed to be filled, and together with the purchase of all of the old equipment from Crossfield, Hamm had welded together the possibility, opportunity, and need.

"I felt there was an opportunity there, and I felt I could help the community and would also be beneficial as a business," says Hamm.

Wild Rose Machining, which is located in the north half of the new Kuelker's Supplies building, has been open since early November.

The machining shop, in combination with Kuelker's Sup-



Cal Hamm (left), owner of Wildrose, stands proudly in front of one of Wild Rose's latest projects, a custom made machine for Garfield Forage Transport. Also pictured are employees Shane McMann and Brian Bales.

plies has created a symbiotic relationship, says Hamm.

"It is one-stop shopping."

He says when farmers come into town, they are able to buy parts and have any repairs they needed done while in town.

But, Hamm hopes that it is not just at Kuelker's and Wild Rose that the farmers and other clients stop, they want them to spend their money in the community because they can get all the services they need right here

in town.

"By keeping business in town, not only does it benefit the consumer, but it benefits the community," says Hamm.

Wild Rose Machining does different types of business under their umbrella. They have done quite a bit of work in the hay industry from making accumulators to hay compression machines for clients such as Transfeeder in Olds, Cremona Foraging, Green Prairie in

Crossfield and Hunterwood Technologies.

Hamm, together with his four employees, also do repair work and can get what you need done within a satisfactory price range.

But, not just farm machinery, Wild Rose Machining deals with most automated equipment and can do portable welding when necessary.

Add all of this to steel sales and cylinder repair and it becomes clear that all the pieces of

a successful business are in place in the 4000 square foot shop.

But, probably the biggest draw to the new shop is their ability to design and custom create almost anything one could need.

All in all, Hamm says the question of, "What do we do?" should likely be rephrased to ask, "What don't we do?"

Wild Rose Machining is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays as need be.

Safety nets help Alberta's farmers

Farmers who had it toughest in 1998 will be the first to get help under a six-point plan announced by Ed Stelmach, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.

"For many farmers, 1998 has been a very difficult year," said Stelmach. "The largest losses generally occurred in two areas: crop losses due to drought, and a substantial drop in hog income because of low prices. Our priority over the next few months will be to help those who need our safety net programs the most."

The areas most severely affected by drought conditions in 1998 include the eastern part of Alberta from Bonnyville in the north to Medicine Hat in the south, and several areas of the Peace. Losses in hog income occurred around the province.

The six-point plan includes:

1. priority processing for applications from hog producers and drought-stricken areas filed under the Farm Income Disaster Program (FIDP);

2. faster processing and settlement of crop insurance claims;

3. a more flexible Developing Farmer Loan to restore working capital and provide financial restructuring;

4. continued low interest rates on the Disaster Assistance/ Crop Loss loans, and payments that can be deferred for the first two years of the loan for farmers experiencing severe financial difficulties due to multiple years of crop losses;

5. continued availability of operating capital under the Alberta Farm Development

Loan (AFDL) program offered through commercial lenders; and,

6. financial counselling services for all producers requiring assistance.

These programs exist to address drastic declines in farm incomes. No new programs are being announced, but producers have many effective options from which to choose.

The FIDP is a whole-farm safety net program available to all producers, whether or not they have purchased crop insurance. Crop insurance will cover losses specific to drought and Agriculture Financial Services Corporation's (AFSC) lending and disaster assistance loan programs can provide much-needed working and financial assistance.

AFSC is relocating insurance adjusters to the most se-

verely affected areas, and claims staff are working overtime in several areas to ensure claims processing and delivery of cheques is faster than last year.

Settling claims faster is a province-wide priority for Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development.

"We plan to have the majority of insurance claims processed by Christmas - well ahead of 1997," said Stelmach. "Over the last few years, several changes have been made to Alberta's safety net programs to respond more quickly to specific disasters. These changes, combined with ensuring delivery times are improved, means producers will get the help they need faster."

Farmers requiring more information on these programs are encouraged to contact their local AFSC office.

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Mountain View County Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant

Applications for funds for 1999 under the Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant* will be received by Mountain View County until December 31, 1998.

Guidelines that must be met in order to qualify are:

- Grants from Mountain View County shall be distributed as equitably as possible throughout and be of benefit to the rural area senior citizens of the county.
- Grants will be considered from recognized established groups and organizations from the County for operating expenditures and travel excursions for senior citizens.
- Applications shall be in writing, giving details of the proposed project or travel plan complete with budgets for a calendar year.
- Maximum grant allowable to any group or organization in any one year is not to exceed \$3,000.00 or \$150.00 per participant per year.
- All grant funds paid to groups and/or organizations shall be expended for the specific purpose as outlined in the original application and shall not be pledged or donated to another purpose.
- All applications for grants must be in the County Office by February 1st of any year.

It is expected that groups from a common jurisdiction will make joint application for these funds.

Scentless chamomile biocontrol a necessity

A seed weevil released six years ago as a biocontrol agent for the noxious weed scentless chamomile has successfully established in Western Canada.

"Researchers at the Alberta Research Council (ARC) and Lethbridge Research Centre (LRC) have jointly monitored the establishment of the seed weevil since its release," said Dr. Alec McClay, weed biocontrol specialist with ARC.

"Recent surveys show good establishment in approximately 70% of release sites."

Scentless chamomile is a severe problem in cropland and waste areas of the black, grey and dark brown soil zones of Western Canada. With seed production of up to 1.8 million per square metre and no major enemies in Canada, the European weed has spread rapidly.

"Scentless chamomile is an aggressive competitor with crops," said weed biocontrol specialist Dr. Rosemarie

DeClerck-Floate with LRC. "It can significantly reduce the yield of spring and winter wheat and various perennial crops."

Few chemicals are registered for use on scentless chamomile and few are effective once the plants pass the seedling stage. About 10 years ago, scientists began considering biological agents to control the weed. The European seed-feeding weevil, *Apion hookeri* was the first biocontrol agent screened for safe release in Canada and is the one researchers have been working with for several years. The tiny, black weevil is about two millimetres in length. It develops from egg to adult in the seed heads of scentless chamomile and, once well established, is capable of reducing seed production by feeding on developing seeds.

"In the late 1980s, as part of the research protocol, scientists

at the Agriculture Canada and Agri-Food Canada Research Centre in Regina conducted quarantined studies to ensure the weevil would not attack plants of economic importance or any closely-related plant species native to North America. During that time, the European weevil was found to have already made it to North America on its own. A population was discovered on scentless chamomile in Nova Scotia, where field studies on related plants confirmed that it was attacking only scentless chamomile.

The European weevil was given regulatory approval for release in 1992, with the Nova Scotia population also approved for release in Western Canada. The insect has since been released at numerous sites in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia.

"We've determined that 71%

of releases monitored for the past five years have been successfully established," McClay said. According to his results from experimental field plots in Alberta, the seed weevil has shown year-to-year increases of up to 17-fold from an initial release of 38 adults made five years ago. In mass-rearing cages, the increase reached 64-fold. At field sites in Saskatchewan where the weevil was released in 1995, about 10 to 17% of the seed heads checked had been attacked by the insect.

Researchers have also found the number of weevils per seed head is increasing at some sites.

At a 1995 release site near Canwood, SK, 17 adults were found on one seed head, a record so far for a field release.

"Given that it takes about 15 weevils per head to completely destroy the approxi-

mately 170 seeds produced by a flower, we hope to see a reduced scentless chamomile seed bank in the future as seed weevil numbers continue to increase," DeClerck-Floate said.

Scientists have discovered that the biocontrol agent can move quickly within and between scentless chamomile patches.

In a study near Edmonton, researchers found that the weevil had migrated up to 800 metres from the original release point, three years after the release was made.

At Vegreville, weevils were found up to four km away after five years. Once the weevil has been established in a region where scentless chamomile is a problem, McClay and DeClerck-Floate expect that it will be able to find and colonize new patches of the weed without much help from weed control technicians.

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**Agri-News Briefs****Farmland values**

Farm Credit Corporation (FCC) estimates that Canadian farmland values rose 2.2% from January 1998 to July 1998. The increase estimated for Alberta farmland for that same time period is 4.9%. FCC contributes the south and central regions of Alberta for driving the land price trend. Irrigated and special crop land increased in value considerably, influenced by announcements of industry growth, such as the potato processing plant in Taber. In northern Alberta, farmland prices were reported as weak to stable for the same six-month period.

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Colts at Airdrie

AIRDRIE 5 COLTS 2

Although the Colts played a very good game of hockey the Thunder came out the winners. The Colts hustled and played hard but were unable to keep up to the Thunder on the score board. With just a bounce or two in the Colts favor they could have won the game.

Dec. 12

Stettler at Didsbury

STETTLER 9 COLTS 4

The Colts started the game skating hard and taking good shots on the net. Stettler opened the scoring with a power play goal by David Baltimore assisted by Mark Stahlberg and Dwight Tucker. Ross Neven tied the game assisted by Rob Andrews and Chris Seib. Seib gave the Colts their lead of the night assisted by Tom Copeland and Neven.

Early in the second Ryan Merkley tied the game for Stettler assisted to Justin Trautman and Chuck Laisner. Jamie Muhlback tied the game, assisted by Carmen Cox. The Colts tied the game with a nice goal by Copeland on a three-man passing break in, assists to Seib and Neven. Trent van Dam stole the puck while the Colts were short handed and tapped in his own rebound to give the Colts their last lead of the game. The Colts started playing lazy, careless hockey. Stettler tied the game on a power play goal by Mike Tucker. They took the lead just seconds later on another power play goal by Dwight Tucker when a Colts defender carelessly gave the puck away from behind his own net. Ryan Merkley and Mike Tucker scored goals for the Lightning



AND SHE SHOOTS ...

The Didsbury Mooners played the Olds Raiders in one of many action-packed games last weekend at the Women's Tournament held here at the Memorial Complex.

before the period ended.

Dwight and Mike Tucker scored the only goals in the third period. Both goalies made some good saves in the third period. Stettler's goalie made 44 saves. Ryan Taks and Joey Killen made 48 saves for the Colts.

Dec. 13

Colts at Lacombe

LACOMBE 7 COLTS 5

The Colts played a very good exciting game in Lacombe but came out losing. Tom Copeland hustling into the Lacombe end scored the first goal of the game assisted by Greg McMullen. Lacombe's Kenton Poeizer and Conner Winslow goals then gave the Wranglers the lead after the first period. Trent van Dam tied the game with a break away shot to the upper left corner of the net. Assists went to Richard Westlund and Mike Brander. Ross Neven's shorthanded goal gave the Colts the lead. Van Dam took the puck from the face off to the front of the net

and scored unassisted. The Lacombe goal then really got tough stopping may Colts shots that were meant to be goals. Lacombe's Lumir and Winslow tied the game for Lacombe before the period ended.

Lacombe's Travis Fleicher scored on the power play. A lazy defensive play gave Lacombe's Chad Sneil the puck allowing him to score. This gave Lacombe a two goal lead. With a minute left to play Westlund scored a power play goal assisted by Ross Neven and van Dam. With 12 seconds left in the game Travis Fleicher scored into the Colts empty net.

This was one of the most exciting games the Colts have played this year. Lots of end to end rushes and with a bit more luck, one or two less careless moments the Colts could have easily won.

The Colts visit Okotoks on Dec. 18 and host Cochrane in Carstairs on Dec. 19.

OVERTIME



Robert
MAGEE

Okay, are you ready to hear the most ridiculous rumour ever?

According to an anonymous source, the Calgary Flames, Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Rangers were close to completing a three-way deal. I wouldn't call it much of a deal though; more like a joke.

Apparently the Flames would ship Theo Fleury to the Big Apple in return for two unsigned juniors - Ty Gretzky and Claire Alexander. Then the Leafs would give up Felix Potvin in return for rookie Dan Cloutier, to later reacquire him and Mike Richter in exchange for Mats Sundin.

So basically Calgary would lose their best player in return for a couple of players who aren't even signed yet, while the Rangers would pick up two all-stars, but lose both of their goalies to the Leafs, who would now have three starters in Potvin, Joseph and Richter, plus Cloutier.

I wonder who would play net for New York? Maybe John Davidson. Meanwhile, Mike Smith, General Manager of the Leafs, would probably have a heart attack trying to unload another couple of goalies besides Felix. I think maybe some was really off their rocker when they heard about this.

Can anybody stop those Phoenix Coyotes? Jim Schonfield's club has been on fire, losing just two games this whole year. And who's paving the way? Jim Waite. Jim who? That's right, the veteran Waite, who has seen stops in San Jose and Chicago has a GAA of 0.95.

Did you know the Leafs are 11-0-1, when 36 year-old Steve Thomas gets a point? Better leave him out there all the time.

Boy, if the Penguins had a top-notch healthy goaltender, they would be one strong team. Jaromir Jagr, Stu Barnes, Martin Straka and Alexei Morozov are all playing great, and the addition of Alexei Kovalev will benefit the Pens in a big way. There's still that bankruptcy problem to deal with.

Busy season at Complex

The Didsbury Memorial Complex arena and aquatic centre have been experiencing a terrific autumn. Swimmers have been enjoying unseasonably warm temperatures that certainly make departure from the facility more bearable, and skaters have found their walk to the arena a comfortable one.

While the aquatic centre continues its fall and winter programming schedule, the

arena has been hosting a broad spectrum of hockey teams of all ages.

Commercial hockey teams are in full swing and minor hockey has filled weeknight and weekend hours. Figure skaters are busy, as well, and you can now identify the club by their great new navy and yellow windsuits.

Scheduling for the Complex will experience a change once

school is out for Christmas break.

There will be lots of shinny and open skating times.

We will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day, but, otherwise, have a great schedule of events to participate in.

Schedules for regular season and the holiday season are all available at the arena or the pool and you can pick one up just by dropping by.

Dragons show improvement at Acme tournament

The D.H.S. Dragons Junior Varsity basketball team returned to the Acme Invitational Basketball Tournament a much improved team from this time last year. Last year's experience, playing as a team and sound aggressive defense kept Didsbury in all three of their games.

**OILFIELDS 64
DIDSBURY 49**

On Friday night the Dragons started the tournament against the tough senior team from Black Diamond. Didsbury played a very aggressive man to man defense and were able to stay with the drillers for about 32 minutes of the match.

The physical play caused Oilfields a few problems offensively and some timely shooting and scoring on the part of the Dragons kept Didsbury within 10 points until about the 12 minute mark of the second half. The experience of the Drillers and stepping up the defense in the last eight minutes prevented the Dragons from getting any closer and the game ended in a 15 point difference. Didsbury showed a great deal of improvement as last year the Drillers won the opening game by about 60 points. Eight of the 10 Didsbury players scored

points as Jon Rose had 11 points, Darren Henry scored nine while Matt Abel and Phil Portingale each added eight points.

**OLDS KOINONIA 61
DIDSBURY 48**

The Friday night loss put the Dragons on the B side of the tournament and an early Saturday morning game against Koinonia. Once again the Dragons defense was aggressive and kept the game close. Olds is also a senior team with a couple of grade 12 players whose experience showed in the latter stages of the game. The aggressive Dragons defense got the team in foul trouble early in each and Koinonia made Didsbury pay the price as nearly 20 of the points Olds scored came from the foul line. The game boiled down to the outside game of Koinonia against Didsbury's inside game and Olds was able to pull away in the late stages of the game with a 13 point lead. Scott Dowland and Jon Rose scored 12 and 10 points respectively for the Dragons.

**DIDSBURY 62
BEISEKER 34**

The hard work finally paid off as the Dragons met the Beiseker Bandits in the sev-

enth and eighth place game. Beiseker had difficulty getting the ball up the floor as the Didsbury guards kept constant pressure on the Beiseker guards. Didsbury's forwards played a strong inside defensive game giving few good scoring chances to the smaller Bandit forwards. All nine of the Didsbury players scored points in this game as Jon Rose led the way with 12 points and Josh Forestel scored 10. Jesse Spreeman, Conrad Cardinal and Scott Dowland each added eight points making defensive coverage difficult for Beiseker. Matt Abel played a strong tournament and was rewarded for his efforts by receiving an all-star medallion. Jarrett Luft also had an improved tournament and although unable to score frequently he worked hard and had many good scoring chances. Steven Redmond played very well in a defensive role in all three games causing numerous turnovers, by the opposing teams guards, with his aggressive hand work. The Dragons' next games are in Sundre on Dec. 14 and a probable exhibition game against the Bert Church J.V.s in Airdrie Dec. 16. The season will resume in early January after Christmas break.

Torrington edges Didsbury 7-6

The Didsbury Pee Wee Cs travelled to Torrington last weekend for their second match-up of the season. Steve Meyer opened the scoring at 16:05 of the first period on a nice pass from Michael Whalen as the team came out hard with good forechecking and strong play at the blue line.

The second period continued with great end to end play as both Ross Sundberg and Jordie Meyer found the net to make it 3-1. Meyer's stand up defensive play in front of the net kept Torrington off the board until midway through the period when a screened shot brought them within one. A second Torrington goal coming with just minutes to go tied it up before heading into the third period.

Meyer's second goal of the game came early in the third putting Didsbury in front once more. Heads up defense by Rob Haskett and Kyle Reider continued to hold off a determined Torrington team until a bouncing puck hit the mark to tie it at four apiece. A power play chance for Didsbury failed to put the team ahead but when Torrington capitalized on an opportunity to go up by one, Didsbury's Kyle Hamm answered the challenge by scoring on the rebound.

With 1:48 remaining Torrington scored the go ahead goal but the guys weren't ready to quit despite being a man short. Rob Haskett came up big with a shorthanded goal on another play set up by Michael

Whalen. A second penalty call had Didsbury facing a five on three situation for the final minute and a half of the game. With just 11 seconds on the clock Torrington scored to finish up 7-6. A tough one to lose but a well-played and entertaining game just the same.

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Didsbury Jaguars

On Sunday Dec. 13 the Jags made the trip to Torrington to play a make-up game that was cancelled earlier in the season. They were pumped and ready to play, especially our man behind the pads, Brayden Overwater, who assured his teammates in the dressing room prior to the start of the game with the statement, "It's okay guys, ...I'm a really good goalie!"...

And good he was. He was ready for anything, and came out challenging anyone coming at him. He made some great saves, only letting two get by him. Great job, Brayden! The Jaguars once again showed lots of team effort with scoring coming across the roster.

There was some good defense gby Cody Krebs, Peter Gwodzecki, Blake Shields and Will Hadway which held the Torrington team at bay, making scoring chances for them difficult.

Colbey Dietrich showed some great personal effort today, and really played at the top of his game, picking up the loose pucks and being ready for a pass. Gwodzecki also did some great back checking coming back hard to help out the defense when the Torrington players got a breakaway. Good effort, Pete! Tanner Watt had some good scoring chances, but just couldn't get the puck past the Torrington net minder. All in all the team played well and showed good team spirit and effort. Goal scorers for the game were Gwodzecki, Dietrich, Zarchary McCargar, Krebs, Chelsea Overwater, and Jason Edwards.

Cremona Figure Skating Club hosts competition

The Cremona Figure Skating Club is pleased to announce they are hosting the 1999 Central Region Freeskate Competition on Jan. 23 and 24. The club is calling the event the "Cremona Ceilidh," a Celtic celebration.

Central Region consists of 34 clubs from towns and communities as follows: Alix, Bashaw, Big Valley, Bowden, Caroline, Carstairs, Coronation, Cremona, Delburne, Didsbury, Eckville, Hanna, Hardisty, Hughenden, Innisfail, Killam, Lacombe, Millet, Morrin, Olds, Ponoka, Red Deer, Rocky Mountain House,

Spruce View, Stettler, Sundre, Sylvan Lake, Three Hills, Torrington,

Trochu, Drumheller and Wetaskiwin. This could mean an approximate competitor registration of 200 to 250 skaters. A competition of this magnitude takes a great deal of planning, and members of the Cremona Figure Skating Club have been preparing diligently.

The competition is scheduling 38 different events to encourage entries from every level of skater. Medals will be presented to the top three skaters

in each flight. There will be no finals and presentations will be ongoing. All entries must be received not later than Dec. 31. A separate entry form is required for each event entered. Registrations have been sent out to all Central Region Clubs. Skaters: talk to your coaches, get registered, get practising.

Businesses, organizations and individuals have been extremely supportive in sponsoring flights, placing ads in the competition program, and offering assistance.

Come and enjoy the great figure skating action.

Atom A Rumblers

The Didsbury Rumblers found themselves in Three Hills this past weekend for a league game.

The team came out strong, putting pressure on their opponents early in the game.

Mitch McCargar started off the scoring in the first period picking up a rebound from a hard shot by Josh Robertson making it 1-0. Kris Jackson was our starting goal tender who made some great saves and was really on his game! Great effort, Kris! Didsbury continued to put on the

pressure despite many penalties for both sides.

Brad Edwards was at the top of his game, being strong on his skates and popping in four goals for the team. Brenden Meston came into the game at the half-way point. He too played well, keeping the Didsbury crowd at the edge of their seats with some non-chalant stick saves.

The game ended in a 7-3 victory for the Didsbury Rumblers, with other goal scorers being Riley Edwards and Robbie Lieper.

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Tough games

The winning streak for the Pee Wee Bs came to an abrupt end on Sunday, Dec. 6.

The team met Cochrane, who they had had their only loss of the year against. Cochrane was tough competition, as they were the first go round, and Didsbury had a hard time setting up plays. As goalie Ben May put it, "the game was a wake-up call."

Final 7-2 Cochrane.

On the weekend of Dec. 13 and 14 the team competed in the B division of the Olds tournament. On Saturday, the boys didn't seem to have woken up.

In game one Didsbury faced-off against a team from Edmonton. At first Didsbury kept up with their opponents, but couldn't capitalize on their shots on net. The first period ended with the score being 1-0 Edmonton. As the game wore on, Edmonton picked up momentum while Didsbury's fizzled. Despite some good goalie saves, the final score was 8-1 Edmonton.

Saturday afternoon Didsbury met a tough hitting Three Hills team. Didsbury came out flat with little spunk and Three Hills capitalized scoring a few goals every period.

Better positional hockey and scoring opportunities were demonstrated in the third, but the cards were against the team today.

Final 8-2 Three Hills

Sunday afternoon Didsbury did wake-up and redeemed themselves in the C final of the tournament. The team played with zest and confidence. Improved passing and positional play resulted in Didsbury dominating the game. Despite the game being chippy, the players stayed level-headed.

Final 11-1 Didsbury

Player Profiles:

Jeff Clazie is a talented, fast centre with a good stick handling ability that's a joy to watch. He's a team player that reads the ice well and is always on the move. His passing skills and play making abilities resulted in him getting a hat trick and two assists in the final game of the tournament. Clazie says the best thing about hockey is "having fun, friends and being active."

Charles Weber is a hard working versatile player. He has proven he can handle the challenges put forth to him whether playing offense or defense. He's a solid 'stay-at-home' defenseman and has a lot of hustle as a forward. He always stays in the game from start to finish. His personal effort and 'no give up' attitude resulted in him being involved with the only two goals scored against Three Hills, with a goal and an assist. Weber says the best thing about hockey is "playing and being with friends and having fun in the dressing room and on the ice."

Hard luck for Didsbury Bantams

By Leslie Hurst

Dec. 11 the Didsbury Bantam team played Indus.

The Didsbury team was defeated 10-7. Four of the seven goals for Didsbury were scored by Scott Murphy. Assisting his goals were Travis Miko, Matt Mantia (2) and Wayne Wise. The other Didsbury goals went to Luke Spreeman, Jody Dawson and Wise, all unassisted.

The boys really dug in and started to work in the third period with four of their goals coming in that period. Two goals were scored in the last 36 seconds of play! Goalies Kyle Christensen and Clay Stedman stopped over 40 shots throughout the game.

Sunday night the boys played in Strathmore to win 8-1. Statistics for this game will be in next weeks article.

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06 OBITUARIES

JOHNSON: Mr. Henry Ward Johnson of Innisfail passed away peacefully at the Rosefield Care Centre on Thursday, December 3, 1998 at the age of 81 years. He was born and raised in and around Payton, Saskatchewan. Henry was a Veteran of World War II, after which he farmed in the Acme area until he retired to Innisfail. He is survived by his children: son, Alex (Doris) Johnson of Clairmont; daughters, Betty (Burt) Irving of Calgary and Ruth Johnson of Nanaimo, BC; sisters, Phyllis Rodgers of Penticton, BC and Kay (George) Roth of Calgary and brother Phil (Kay) Johnson of Calgary; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Henry was predeceased by his wife Olive May Johnson in 1983. Funeral services for the late Mr. Henry Ward Johnson were held Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. from the Metcalf Funeral Chapel in Innisfail with the Reverend Ken Wells officiating and interment at the Innisfail Cemetery. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made to the charity of one's choice. Arrangement entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel.

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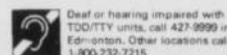
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Alberta provincial government holiday season schedule

Reminder

- Most Alberta provincial government offices will be closed December 24, 25, 28 and January 1.
- Emergency and 24-hour services will continue to be fully operational, as they are during other holiday periods.
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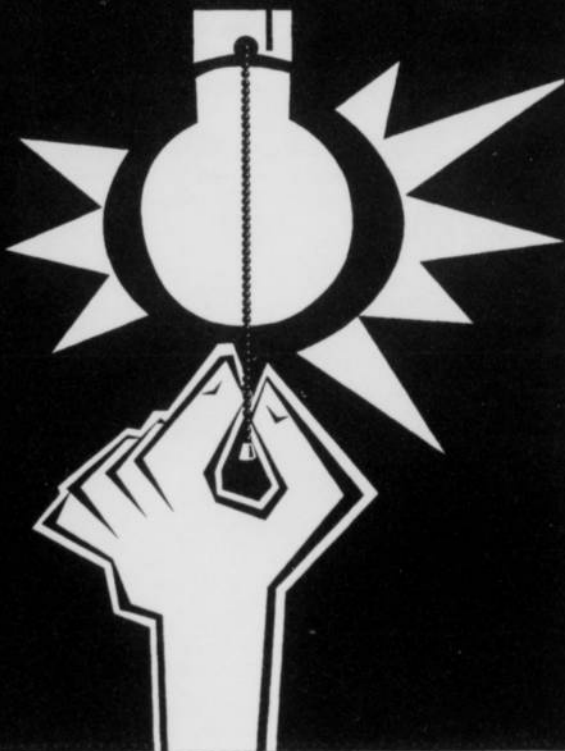
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Rosebud Christmas Concert Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. Potluck supper. Bring main dish and salad or dessert. Santa will be visiting.

LUNCHTIME THEATRE

Theatre Two Thousand presents "A Very Sticky Christmas" at Melvin Hall on Dec. 19. Doors open at noon, lunch at 12:30 p.m. and show at 1 p.m. Kids \$6, adults \$8. Dec. 20 general seating only. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. Kids \$4, adults \$6. For info call 335-8689 or 335-8307.

DIDSBURY

THEATRE TWO THOUSAND
Murder at Melvin Hall. "Sing a Song of Murder," Dec. 18. Doors open at 7 p.m., dinner is at 8 p.m. \$20 by reservations only. Call 335-8689 or 335-8307.

RAFFLE DRAW

Rosebud Health Foundation Raffle Draw will be held Dec. 19 at 5 p.m. in the office next to Potentials Clothing. Tickets and refreshments available from noon to 5 p.m.

DIDSBURY

ANNUAL MEETING

Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and election of officers. Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. For more info call Judy at 335-3265. **"HELPING HANDS NEEDED"** Gift wrapping for Christmas Hampers. All hands welcome. Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. in the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church.

MIDWAY CONCERT

Midway Community School Christmas Concert, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. Donations for Food Hamper accepted. For more info, call 337-2888.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT
Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753 or Natalie 337-2351.

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OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
Overeaters Anonymous, Carstairs Catholic Parish, 302 - 11 Ave., Carstairs, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Further info. 337-3619 (Ten).

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Bev at 335-9803 or Kirsten 335-3370.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office at 7 p.m. For info. call Town Office at 335-3391

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: Tuesdays and Saturdays 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. More info call Pearl at 335-4787.

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AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Kim at 335-9645 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. Every Monday (except holidays) 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-4123.

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KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 8:00 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Marge Steckler at 335-4281.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

Won't you join us at the Museum on the 1st Thursday of every month from 2 - 4 p.m. for coffee. Everyone is welcome. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. There is no charge but of course donations are always welcome. The museum is also open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2 - 5 p.m. weekly. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info. call 335-9295.

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LIONS

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7-8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3146 or 335-9787.

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BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 232-6894 or 638-2757.

SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sherree 335-8612.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in education room (lower level) at Didsbury Hospital.

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. at the Deer Meadow School, Olds. Contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

A.D.D SUPPORT

Support group for adults and children with A.D.D. or learning disabilities. Meet last Thurs. of each month at Deer Meadows. Call Susan 335-3174 or Sam 556-7614.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, Wednesdays. For more information call 638-3277 or 335-9787.

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